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## §15–141.2. IN EFFECT

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- (a) (1) In this section, "telehealth" means a mode of delivering health care services through the use of telecommunications technologies by a health care practitioner to a patient at a different physical location than the health care practitioner.
- (2) "Telehealth" includes synchronous and asynchronous interactions.
- (3) "Telehealth" does not include the provision of health care services solely through audio—only calls, e—mail messages, or facsimile transmissions.
- (b) (1) On or before December 1, 2020, the Department shall apply to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for an amendment to any of the State's § 1115 waivers necessary to implement a pilot program to provide telehealth services to Program recipients regardless of the Program recipient's location at the time telehealth services are provided.
- (2) Telehealth services available under the pilot program shall be limited to chronic condition management services.
- (c) If the amendment applied for under subsection (b) of this section is approved, the Department shall administer the pilot program.
- (d) The Department shall collect outcomes data on recipients of telehealth services under the pilot program to evaluate the effectiveness of the pilot program.
- (e) On or before December 1, 2020, and every 6 months thereafter until the application described under subsection (b) of this section is approved, the Department shall submit a report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, on the status of the application.
- (f) If the amendment applied for under subsection (b) of this section is approved, on or before December 1 each year following the approval, the Department shall submit a report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, on the status of the pilot program.

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